

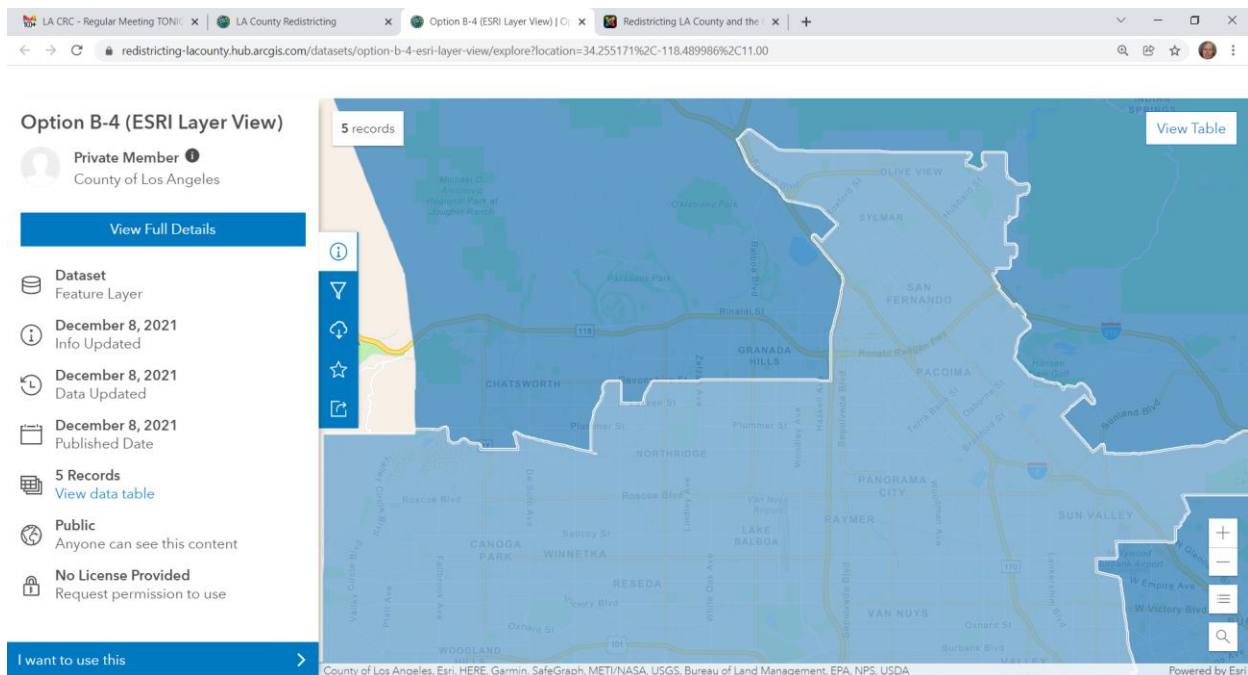
Dear Commissioners,

I became engaged in this Redistricting process and so passionate about it because of the gerrymandering of the West San Fernando Valley which has previously been drawn by our Supervisors.

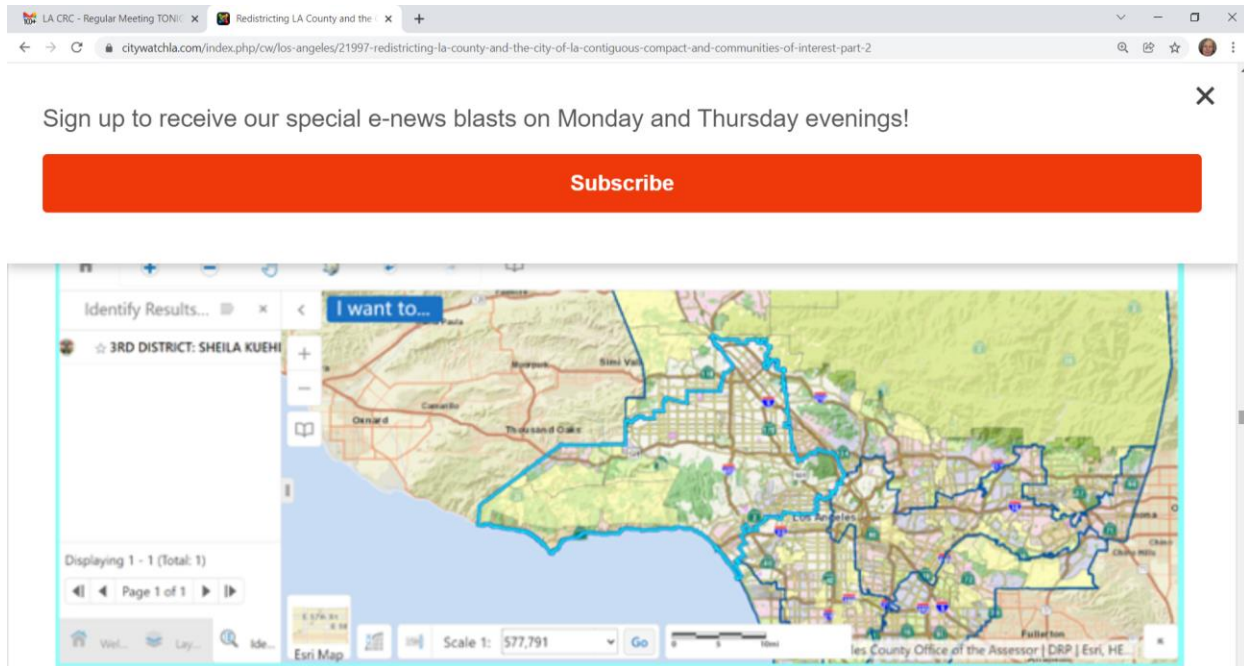
I am sorry to say that Map F3 almost replicates the existing boundaries which divide my community of West Hills. I wrote about this in CityWatchLA on July 5, 2021, and my article is in your group of articles regarding Los Angeles County Redistricting.

"LA: 'Contiguous, Compact, and Communities of Interest' - Part 2"

<https://www.citywatchla.com/index.php/cw/los-angeles/21997-redistricting-la-county-and-the-city-of-la-contiguous-compact-and-communities-of-interest-part-2>



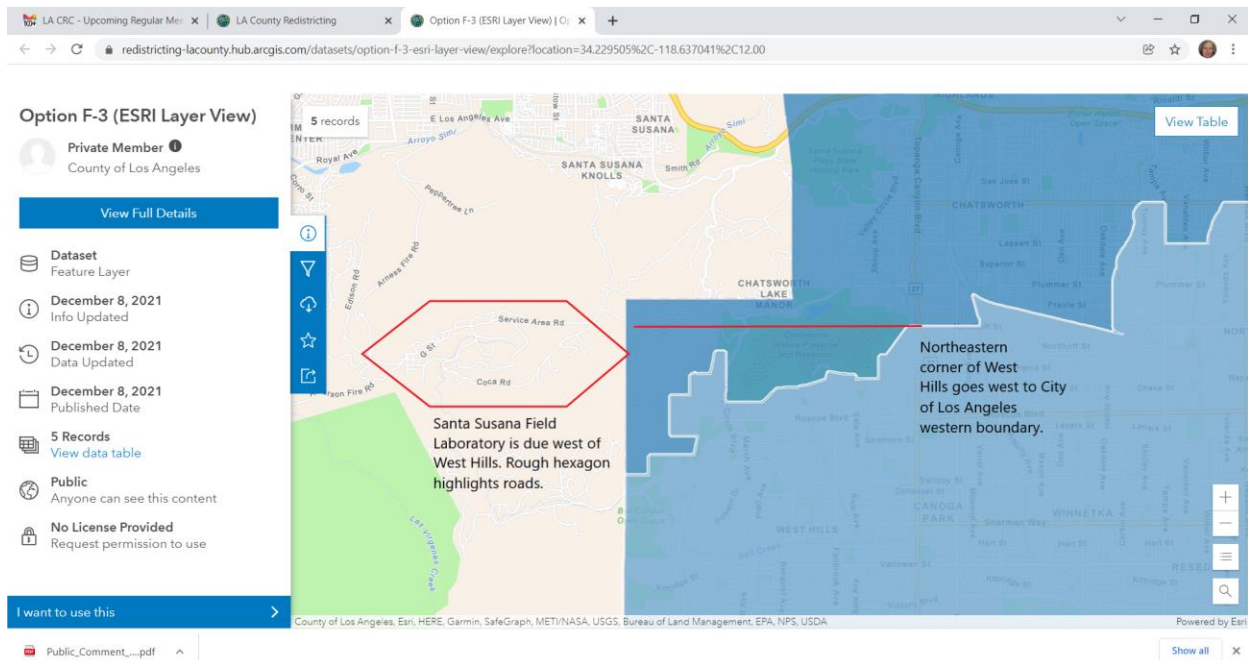
This is the way that you have drawn the northern parts of the San Fernando Valley. On your layered software, it says Canoga Park, when it is West Hills to the West of Topanga Canyon starting at the intersection of Topanga Canyon and Nordoff. It goes west to the City line there, and it goes south to Roscoe Blvd on Topanga Canyon.



I went to software by Los Angeles County to look at their streets, etc., when I was preparing to write my article. Please look at your Map F3 above and please look at the existing 3rd District northern boundaries. Also look how it reaches to Santa Monica and how it reaches into areas that were referenced by stakeholders as needing to be with District 3 - areas such as Hollywood.

I listened so much to LA City Council testimony. They did draw a map as one of the LA City Redistricting Commissioners referenced that would encompass for LA City Council, the communities that were next to Burbank. They included the Arts District of North Hollywood, the connecting Toluca Lake - famous as the home town of Bob Hope and other entertainers. It also encompassed Studio City, Sherman Oaks, the Hollywood Hills to be adjacent to Universal Studio, and down to Hollywood. This was called the "Entertainment Corridor" that later became their District 2 or 4 when their map was submitted to the LA City Council.

Finally, this is how you have divided West Hills on Map F3.

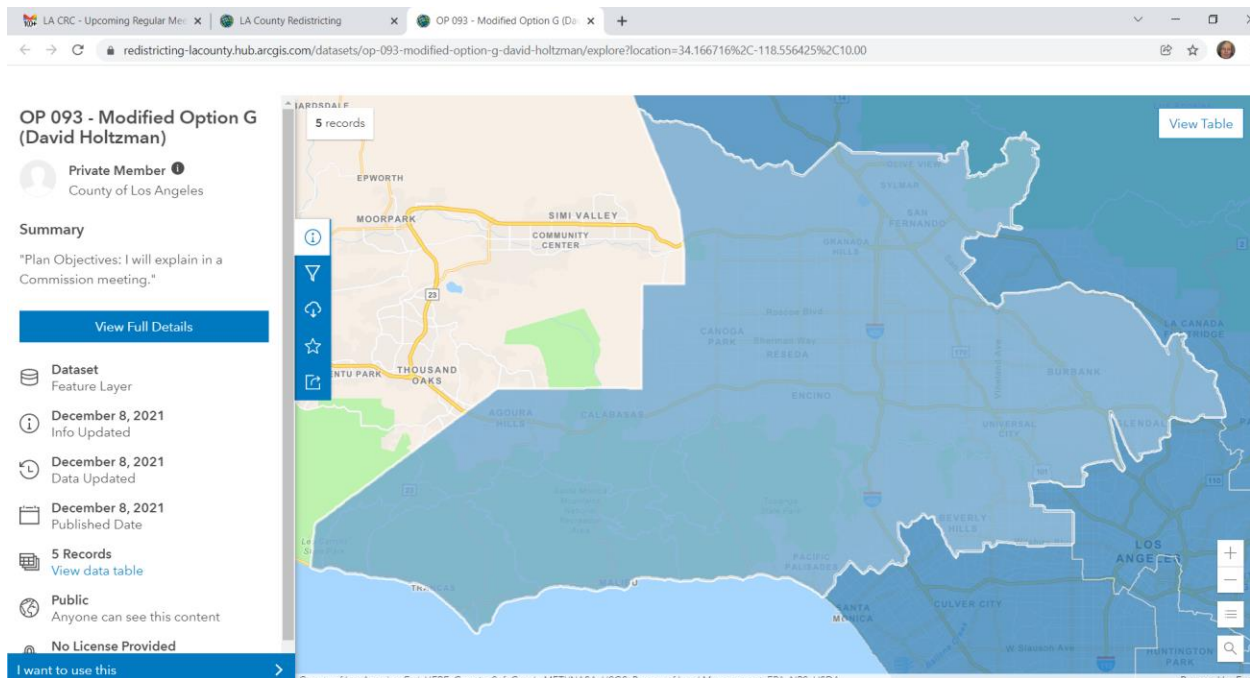


The red line above is the approximate northern boundary of West Hills which goes to the LA City line. We have 80 percent of the "Chatsworth Nature Preserve" in West Hills. As a former member of the West Hills Neighborhood Council, we had to have the LAFD appear before us to seek our approval to put in a helipad in the "Chatsworth Nature Preserve". This property is owned by the LADWP. It is the location of a former reservoir. The helipad has a water supply where the helicopters land to fill up to drop water for fire suppression.

As I have referenced to you previously, we are due east of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory. Every truck that comes off that site goes down Woolsey Canyon Road to Valley Circle Blvd. It is my understanding that the community of Lake Manor has asked that the trucks do not go through their community. So they go, to the best of my understanding, south on Valley Circle Blvd to Roscoe Blvd where they turn east, and then they go north to the 118 freeway which adds miles to their trips but does not impact Chatsworth as much as West Hills.

This is the reason that I attend your meetings. This is the reason that I stay up all night taking screenshots and making powerpoints to send to you.

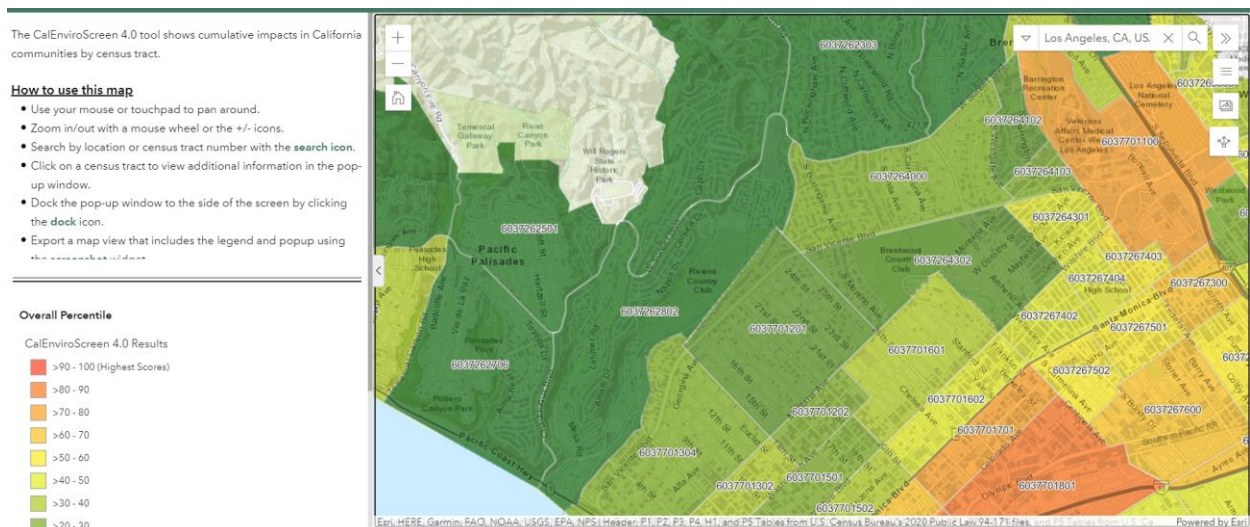
To date, I have been very frustrated because Commissioner Holtzman was dividing the West San Fernando Valley in what I considered to be a very gerrymandered way. However, I am not sure when, but I believe it may have been when Councilmember Paul Krekorian spoke of the San Fernando Valley COG and that Burbank and Glendale were a part of it; Commissioner Holtzman drew a new map - OP 93.



<https://redistricting-lacounty.hub.arcgis.com/datasets/op-093-modified-option-g-david-holtzman/explore?location=34.166716%2C-118.556425%2C10.00>

This is Commissioner Holtzman's SD 3 map. It encompasses what the Las Virgenes COI requested. It encompasses what I have asked for and both Councilmember Paul Krekorian and Councilmember Bob Blumenfield from the San Fernando Valley asked you to do.

It does take Santa Monica out of District 3.



This is from the first power point that I sent to you a day ago. It clearly defines where I suggested you draw the line to keep the Pacific Palisades with District 3, but to bring in

things like the Veterans Hospital et al to District 2. I explained a lot of that boundary that I sent in my comments yesterday.

I do hope that you will revisit the San Fernando Valley, and the Westside. By keeping the San Fernando Valley whole, you can do as Commissioner Holtzman did to bring down more of the eastern part of District 5 into the San Gabriel Valley to combine Communities of Interest there.

You are not hearing from most of the people that live in Beverly Hills, Belaire, of even people in Hancock Park. I believe that they belong together with the Jewish Community that was referenced that I see in the Fairfax area of Los Angeles and in fact much of that older Wilshire and Santa Monica Blvd area.

I am submitting my comments now because you have changed the date and time of Friday and Saturday's meetings to early morning. I cannot attend those meetings because I am working during the night after your meetings to respond to what occurred during the previous night's meeting.

Please see my husband's comments which were submitted to the documents yesterday - Bruce M. Rowe - Emeritus Professor of Anthropology, Los Angeles Pierce College.

And he did not mention that he did teach at least one semester at West Los Angeles Community College - a part of the Los Angeles Community College District. Bruce is very familiar with the Westside since he attended Hamilton High School and UCLA.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Rowe

West Hills resident of 43 years